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REMARKS

Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejections in the Office Action dated June 24, 2005, claims 6 and 7 have been canceled. Entry of these amendments, reconsideration of the application, and allowance of all claims pending herein are respectfully requested in view of the remarks below.

Claims 1-5 and 8-12 are now pending.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-5 and 8-12 in the Office Action dated June 24, 2005. Claims 6-7 have been canceled and thus Applicant respectfully requests that the application proceed to allowance since all pending claims (i.e., 1-5 and 8-12) have been allowed.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this application or to further prosecution thereof in any manner.

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